Progress of EAS

1596. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH : Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state the progress of the Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS) during last one year vis-a-vis the target fixed therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SHANTA KUMAR): The Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS) has been merged with the Sampoorna Gramin RozgarYojana (SGRY) w.e.f. 25 September 2001, but was continued to be implemented separately till 31 st March, 2002'as part of the SGRY. During 2001-2002, under the EAS, a total of 2320.65 lakh mandays (provisional) have been generated against the target of 3391.87 lakh mandays and an amount of Rs. 1781.78 crore (provisional) has been utilized (which includes opening balance, Central Release and the State Release) against the total allocation (Centre+State) of Rs. 2496.74 crore.

Funds for construction of stop dam in M.P.

† 1597. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI : Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the proposal for allocation of fund for construction of stop dam under Golden Jubilee village self employment special project by Madhya Pradesh Government is still pending with Central Government;

(b) if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard; and

(c) by when the said project would be sanctioned by Government?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SHANTA KUMAR): (a) to (c) A proposal has been forwarded by the Government of Madhya Pradesh under the Special Project component of the Swaranjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) for construction of stop dams on rivers in Jhabua District. The project proposal was duly examined and it was suggested, in May, 2002, that the possibility of convergence between the DPAP and the SGSY Special Project may be explored. Further action has been initiated accordingly.

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